

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A hydraulic transformer, comprising a multiplicity of displacers guided in a displacer volume, and commutation means-(4) for shifting pressure medium supply and discharge to and from the displacers, wherein said commutation means-(4) include at least two control recesses-(18, 20, 22) connected with a pressure port, consumer port, or tank port-(B, A, T), the relative positions of which are variable in relation to the dead-center positions of said displacers, characterized by a dead space-(40, 42, 44) through the intermediary of which the displacer volume is increased in a commutation phase.
2. (Currently Amended) The hydraulic transformer in accordance with claim 1, wherein said control means-(4) include three control recesses (18, 20, 22) distributed on the periphery, and said dead spaces-(40, 42, 44) open into respective ranges between said control recesses-(18, 20, 22).
3. (Currently Amended) The hydraulic transformer in accordance with claim 2, wherein said control recesses are control kidneys-(18, 20, 22), and said dead spaces-(40, 42, 44) open into respective kidney separation web-(25) between two adjacent control kidneys-(18, 20, 22).
4. (Currently Amended) The hydraulic transformer in accordance with claim 2 ~~claim 2 or 3~~, wherein said control means-(4) include a control disc-(16) in which said

control kidneys ~~(18, 20, 22)~~ and through bores ~~(23, 27, 29)~~ of said dead spaces ~~(40, 42, 44)~~ are formed.

5. (Currently Amended) The hydraulic transformer in accordance with claim 4, wherein a part of said dead spaces ~~(40, 42, 44)~~ next to said through bores ~~(23, 27, 29)~~ is formed in a base body ~~(24)~~ of said commutation means ~~(4)~~, in which base body connection passages ~~(26, 28, 30)~~ leading to said ports ~~(A, B, T)~~ are provided at least in portions.

6. (Currently Amended) The hydraulic transformer in accordance with claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein the volume of each dead space ~~(40, 42, 44)~~ is larger than or equal to the displacement volume of a displacer.

7. (Currently Amended) The hydraulic transformer in accordance with claim 6, wherein the volume of said dead space ~~(40, 42, 44)~~ is less than five times the displacement volume.

8. (Currently Amended) The hydraulic transformer in accordance with claim 1 ~~any one of claims 2 to 7~~, wherein one of said dead spaces ~~(44)~~ is formed to be substantially axial, and said two other dead spaces ~~(40, 42)~~ are formed to be substantially offset with respect to the axis ~~(34)~~ of said control member ~~(12)~~.

~~9.8.~~ (Currently Amended) The hydraulic transformer in accordance with claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein said displacers are pistons of an axial piston bent-axis unit.